

BANKER HELD FOR \$200,000 RANSOM

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KIDNAP GANG GRABS SON OF RICH BREWER

Young Bank President Abducted On Way To Work

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Kidnapers demanding \$200,000 ransom abducted Edward G. Bremer, son of Adolph Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer and prominent democrat of Minnesota, Wednesday morning.

The 37-year-old president of the Commercial State bank, was picked up by an unascertained number of men shortly after he had returned from Chicago.

Police Not Notified

Police had received no official notification of the abduction and members of the Bremer family refused to discuss it.

Abduction of Bremer, whose father owns a controlling interest in the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, followed by seven months the kidnapping of William Hamm, Jr., millionaire president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing company who paid \$100,000 for his freedom last June.

Otto Bremer, chairman of the board of directors, and Minnesota manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation, is an uncle of the missing man, who was seized after taking his eight-year-old daughter, Betty, to the Summit grade school.

Get 'Phone Call

Bremer presumably headed for the bank after leaving his daughter. He did not reach there, the kidnappers apparently stopping his automobile and taking both him and the car to an outlying residential district.

The next heard of the bank president, according to well authenticated reports, was an anonymous telephone call to Walter W. Magee, wealthy contractor, from a man speaking in a low voice. Magee was told the Bremer car could be found in the Highland Park district of St. Paul and that there was a note on the back door step of Magee's home.

Wire Flashes

TULSA.—Warrants for the arrest of 25 men high in Tulsa oil and banking circles on embezzlement charges were issued here Thursday after complaints were filed by J. M. Springer, special prosecutor in connection with the failure last spring of the exchange Trust Co.

WASHINGTON.—Preparing for possible stoppage of the Civil Works program on Feb. 10 because of failure to run out the federal Civil Works administration, Thursday halted purchase of materials and supplies for use on projects throughout the country.

The order, issued by Audrey Williams, assistant administrator, on direction of Harry L. Hopkins, represented "a stock taking."

BATON ROUGE.—State Adj. Gen. Ray H. Fleming was Thursday ordered by Gov. Oscar K. Allen to take charge of all state office records in New Orleans to "preserve law and order" and "to avoid having to call out the National Guard against the thugs in that city."

WASHINGTON.—The house coinage committee Thursday approved the president's dollar devaluation plan, adding an amendment requiring the secretary of the treasury to report to congress on operations of the stabilization fund.

SHANGHAI.—The Steamship Poonan, loaded by pirates near Tientsin last Saturday, arrived here Thursday 10 passengers short—one had died of fright and the other nine were kidnapped by the pirates.

WASHINGTON.—Sec. Wallace Thursday stepped before a senate committee with the assurance that the first eight months operation of the greatest "arm experiment ever conducted in this country had provided a "conclusive demonstration" that it would work.

LITTLE AMERICA (Via Mar-Kay Radio).—Admiral Richard E. Byrd and his Antarctic expedition, arrived here Thursday.

AUSTIN.—The supreme court Thursday dismissed without prejudice a petition for mandamus filed by the city of Houston to compel James V. Alfred, attorney general, to approve certain works revenue bonds.

CALCUTTA.—At least 2,500 persons were killed in the Bihar district alone in the terrific earth shocks which shook all India Monday, a government announcement said Thursday.

WASHINGTON.—Formally reporting approval of the administration's money measure, the house coinage committee said Thursday that Great Britain forced the United States off the gold standard and the proposed \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund was intended "to prevent a repetition of this experience."

HAVANA.—Carlos Mendietta, 60-year-old physician, statesman, and revolutionary, Thursday was made president of Cuba—the fifth president in as many months.

PRISON HEADS WARNED OF RAID, DALLAS POLICE SAY

IN OUR VALLEY

WELL, WE HAVE NOT BEEN killed in the rush—
By those who would back us up in our "drive"
For poll tax payments!
But—
We still believe we are right as right can be.

REAL MONEY AWAITS VALLEY cotton growers who join the government's cotton acreage campaign. Article in this issue of The Herald, from the typewriter of Co. Agent Henry Alameyer, tells the story as far as Cameron county is concerned.

Same basic facts apply to all Valley counties.

Chambers of Commerce up and down Main Street are familiar with the details, have the blanks and other literature explaining the whole program.

Suggest that Valley farmers who have been planting cotton get busy and find out.

CLARKE SLOAN, REGIONAL Buick and Pontiac director for Texas.

Very pleasant visitor in Brownsville Wednesday.

Expecting big things of the Valley, is General Motors.

According to Mr. Clarke Dallas office is aware of what is going on down here.

So is the Detroit office.

And every regional office of that great corporation which lines the roads of America—

With automobiles.

Honestly, these folks from the outside bring a fresh enthusiasm—

About Brownsville and the Valley.

That puts to shame some of our home town pessimists.

WE DO NOT KNOW WHO IS responsible for the dumping of trash in and around the city park in the rear of the chamber of commerce building—

But it should be stopped and stopped right now.

That park is one of the greatest civic assets the city of Brownsville has.

It is visited by practically every tourist who comes to our city, as practically every tourist visits the chamber of commerce building.

Gutzon Borglum almost raved over the possibilities offered by this park as he inspected various park projects while in Brownsville.

Sincerely do we hope that our city dads will issue strict orders, see that they are enforced, which will prevent making a public dumping ground out of a city park.

WATCH WILLACY COUNTY! We say it again.

Five and one half inch rain which fell in that territory Wednesday.

Means good times and then some for that territory.

Add to the development bound to follow the construction of their irrigation district—

The bumper crops which are assured by that rain.

And "good times" fails to express what is in store.

OFFICIALS OF HIDALGO NOT TO RUN AGAIN

Political Interest On Increase As League Fate Debated

EDINBURG, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Announcement of a McAllen man's candidacy for the office of county commissioner of Precinct 2 and decision of all members of the present Hidalgo county commissioners' court not to seek re-election in 1934 were political features in the county this week.

Fate Announces

John H. Pate, McAllen road contractor, announced Wednesday his candidacy for the office of commissioner of Precinct 2, subject to action of the Democratic July primary. The precinct includes the towns of McAllen, Hidalgo, Pharr, San Juan, Alamo and Donna.

County Judge E. C. Couch and all members of the commissioners' court stated Wednesday they would not be candidates to succeed themselves. This group includes Commissioner B. F. Byers, Precinct 1; Mercedes Weslaco, Edinburg; Commissioner E. L. Calhoun, Precinct 2; McAllen-Pharr-San Juan-Alamo-Donna-Hidalgo; Commissioner W. H. Atwood, Precinct 3; Edinburg; and Commissioner Wilford Ferguson, Precinct 4. Mission. Members of the court stated the Good Government platform of 1930 pledged its candidates' opposition to more than two terms in office and that they would be bound by its pledge. They were re-elected in 1932, their second term coming to a close on December 31, 1934.

Gill to Run Again

Sheriff Tom Gill, elected on the Good Government ticket in 1930, has announced for re-election, subject to action of the Democratic July primary. He has stated that he was not a party to the Good Government agreement against more than two terms in office in 1930.

It is expected that a number of announcements of a political nature will be made in the county soon. Opinion in the county seems to be fairly divided as to whether or not the Good Government and Democratic organizations will effect a truce and place the county back in democratic ranks in July.

Members of the republican county executive committee passed a resolution in 1932 promising to offer a full county ticket in 1934. There are several thousand ordinarily republican votes in the Good Government organization.

Life Term Assessed In 'Triangle Killing'

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 18.—(AP)—William R. Taggart, 36-year-old insurance man, was convicted today of the "triangle" slaying of Bert Young, young abstractor, by a jury which assessed a life term in prison as his punishment.

Young was shot down in the county clerk's office of the courthouse here, Dec. 1, a few days after Mrs. Taggart had obtained a divorce.

Tennessee University Building Is Destroyed

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 18.—(AP)—A spectacular fire today destroyed Morrill Hall, one of the University of Tennessee's oldest buildings housing invaluable botanical and zoological specimens, and seriously threatened the newly erected \$500,000 alumni memorial gymnasium and auditorium.

University authorities said they believed the fire started from an explosion of chemicals.

9 Sailors' Bodies Are Washed Ashore

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Nine sailors' bodies were washed ashore today at Vilahorst to tell the fate of the crew of the British steamer Oakford stranded on the pounding surf near the island of Texel.

The Oakford had carried a crew of 10 and it was feared the tenth man also was lost.

THIS JURY WILL DECIDE FATE OF DR. ALICE WYNEKOOP



These 12 men will decide whether Dr. Alice Wynekoop goes free on the charge of slaying her daughter-in-law, Rheta, or pays the penalty of guilt. The jury was chosen in Chicago criminal court in six hours, a record time for speed in a major murder trial, attorneys say. Left to right, front row, are W. A. Grummett, contractor; Arnold Macholl, salesman; Edwin Healy, bookkeeper; Charles Greer, watchman; Patrick Malloy, motorman; S. H. Dempsey, telegraph employee. Left to right, back row, Archie Bennett, salesman; C. W. Schmidtknecht, salesman; Austin Flint, electrical engineer; Fred Marsh, photo engraver; Thomas Fleming, electrician, and William Walsh, printer. Eleven members of the jury are married men; eight of them are fathers.

COTTON SLASH MEANS \$84,801

County Agent Alameyer Lists Conditions For Signing Agreements

Cotton farmers of Cameron county will receive \$84,801.50 cash rental and parity payments from the government if they agree not to plant cotton on 60 per cent of their land ordinarily planted to cotton, Co. Agent Henry Alameyer told The Herald Wednesday. Rental and parity payments are to be paid only to growers who cooperate by reducing acreage through contracts signing, Alameyer said.

Rental payments are determined by the average acreage planted on a farm from 1928 to 1932 inclusive, which has been designated as the base acreage.

Any producer who is an owner, landlord, cash tenant or managing share tenant and who operates or controls a cotton farm may sign a contract on one of three conditions, Alameyer said.

The three conditions follow: 1.—Cotton was planted for at (Continued on Page Two)

Girl Attacker Dies In Chair

HUNTSVILLE, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Ira Kelly was electrocuted at the penitentiary early Thursday as authorities carried out a sentence imposed on the 38-year-old Seabrook man for attacking a small girl.

All he had to say as he went calmly to meet his fate was a muttered prayer that "the Lord have mercy on my soul."

Kelly, a white man, was tried in Houston and convicted of criminal assault on a small girl after he had given a group of children a picnic in the woods along the bay shore.

Texas Hoodlum Under Guard of Machine Gun

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Guarded by the machine guns of a three-car convoy, Ernest Oglesby, Texas hoodlum, was taken to state's prison at McAlester Thursday to enter death row for the slaying of Douglas Gates, Oklahoma City scout car officer.

Sheriff Stanley Rogers said the precautions were taken because Oglesby, previously convicted 22 times in Texas reportedly has associated with the Clyde Barrow gang which delivered five prisoners from a Texas penal farm this week.

Baby Weighing 18 1/2 Pounds At Birth Born

County Agent Alameyer Lists Conditions For Signing Agreements

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 18.—(AP)—A daughter weighing 18 1/2 pounds was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Czarnokol. Physicians expressed the belief that the baby is the largest ever born in this city and pointed out that it is a heavy as a normal 6-month-old child.

Mrs. Czarnokol, who is 36 and the mother of two other children, and the "little one" are doing nicely.

CITRUS LOANS PLEA IS HEARD

Texas Delegation Presents Application For Eight Million Dollars

(Special to The Herald) WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Application was presented here Thursday to Harry L. Hopkins, relief and civil works administrator, by a Lower Rio Grande Valley committee for long-term loans to the Texas citrus industry totalling more than \$8,000,000.

The loans are sought to rehabilitate the citrus industry after the hurricane of last September, which destroyed the bulk of the 1933-34 crop, and damaged the trees considerably.

A valley committee consisting of Ted Meiden and Marvin Goodwin of Mission, Al P. Parker of La Feria, and C. O. Miles of Weslaco presented the application, being accompanied by Sens. Connally and Sheppard, and Cong. West.

The committee represented the Texas Rehabilitation and Relief Corporation, formed after the hurricane to handle this matter.

The committee planned to present carefully prepared statistics showing the need for such loans in order to rehabilitate the citrus industry.

T. C. U. Football Star Is Suspended

FORT WORTH, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Rex Clark of Eastland, star half-back and sub-captain elect of the football team, was suspended from TCU Thursday.

He will be eligible to re-enter the university next fall, but will not be eligible to play football again until 1935.

Clark, and more than a score of other students, were placed on probation in October because of their participation in hazing activities.

VALLEY LOANS BOARD PLANNED

Associations For Hidalgo And Cameron Counties Are Proposed

(Special to The Herald) McALLEN, Jan. 18.—Two federal building and loan associations were proposed Wednesday for Cameron and Hidalgo counties in the Lower Rio Grande Valley by Perry Burns, representative of the federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Ark.

A group of 25 McAllen and Hidalgo county business men and others heard Burns' interpretation of the laws governing formation of the local associations under federal supervision and operating under a charter from the federal government.

The proposal suggested for the Valley was for an association with the minimum capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$25,000 is furnished locally and the other half is furnished by the government. One-tenth of the locally subscribed stock may be paid in at the time of organization to the Little Rock bank, while the remainder of the first \$25,000 may be paid in installments.

Loans by the federally-supervised association would be made within a radius of 50 miles and for the purposes of repairing homes, re-financing of home indebtedness and construction of business buildings, although the latter is not permitted until the association shows a surplus. The association would also maintain a savings deposit department.

No action has been taken on the proposal, but the matter is to be considered for a definite decision within a short time.

726 Carat Diamond Sold For \$350,000

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A 726 carat diamond discovered recently at Elandsfontein has been sold to Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, chairman of the Anglo-American corporation of South Africa and of two diamond mining companies, for nearly 70,000 pounds (approximately \$350,000), it was learned Thursday.

The discoverer, Jacobus Jonker, plans to return to farming on a large scale—but first he will buy a silk hat and a frock coat, he said.

Murder Trial Begins

LONGVIEW, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The second trial of John S. Allen, charged with the slaying of Roy B. King Dec. 1, 1932, began in district court Wednesday. A jury at his first trial sentenced him to 49 years but the decision was reversed.

'Kingfish' Gets Invitation To Swap Fisticuffs

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Sen. Huey P. Long, who knows what it is to get a sock on the jaw, has a chance now to demonstrate his ability as a prize fighter.

Out of this city's red hot mayoral campaign came a challenge last night from Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley to the Kingfish for a bout "any place, any time and under any colors."

CONFESSION IS FIGHT CENTER

Wynekoop Defense Battles To Keep Statements From Trial

CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING, Chicago, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The battle over the admission into the trial of Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynekoop of the alleged "confession" that she fired the shot into the back of her daughter-in-law, Rheta, got under way Thursday.

The dramatic moment in the sensational trial of the aged physician came a few minutes after John Stege, supervising captain of police, had been called to the stand. Capt. Stege told of making a call at the West Side mansion where the body of the wife of the defendant's son, Earle, was found on an operating table. Then, with Dr. Wynekoop and other occupants of the house, he went to the Fillmore street police station.

Prosecutor Charles S. Dougherty introduced the bench:

"I desire to have this statement introduced into the evidence as a state exhibit."

The three members of the defense counsel sprang to their feet with objections.

"Excuse the jury," ordered Judge Joseph B. David. "Tell them to be at ease, as they probably will be at a long time."

Hoover May Become University Prexy

IOWA CITY Ia., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Former Pres. Herbert Hoover's name Thursday was included in an unofficial list of possible successors to Pres. Walter A. Jessup of the state University of Iowa.

The former president's name was advanced by an Iowa City newspaper which said that he had been mentioned in connection with the position.

KNEW BARROW AIDE PLANNED FOR DELIVERY

Police Say Laughter Greeted Their Warnings

HUNTSVILLE, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Poses scoured the piney woods of east and central Texas today in running down every possible clue as to the whereabouts of Clyde Barrow, phantom desperado who has eluded officers since his spectacular delivery of five prisoners of the Eastham state prison farm Tuesday morning.

Sheriffs of Palestine and Athens banded forces for a search into the woodland area of the Neches river bottoms near Frankston Wednesday night, but returned from the red land arroyos without a trace of the gunman.

Reports Numerous

The search for Barrow extended into that section when reports spread throughout the community that several men and a woman, armed with machine guns, were hidden away about eight miles from town.

At Nacogdoches the sheriff's department received a tip that Barrow and his band of fugitives, including Raymond Hamilton, his former partner in crime, were sequestered in the piney woods nearby, but this also proved a bad tip after careful scrutiny of the section.

Houston police trained machine guns on a Harrisburg tourist camp and awaited the possible appearance of Barrow and his companions after they had ransacked the camp and found several pistols answering to the description of those stolen from an Enid, Okla., arsenal by Clyde Barrow and his brother Buck, who was subsequently slain in a gun battle with Iowa officers.

Officials Were Warned

Meanwhile, Dallas investigators disclosed that penitentiary officials were warned at least twice that Hamilton was plotting to escape and would resort to murder if it would help his plans.

It was said that Sheriff Smoot Schmidt of Dallas was rewarded with laughter when he informed a prison official he considered Hamilton dangerous and advanced the belief that Hamilton would be a leader of a coup unless incarcerated behind prison walls.

Schmidt said the prison official replied that "Hamilton is as gentle as a male maniac."

Detective Lieut. J. W. Fritz is reported to have warned prison officials that they were taking undue chances by allowing Hamilton to work on the farm, but was also met with a similar rebuff.

Reckless Driver

No theories as to the whereabouts of Barrow have been advanced by the authorities, with the exception that the first eight months operation of the greatest "arm experiment ever conducted in this country had provided a "conclusive demonstration" that it would work.

J. B. French, one of the five convicts who escaped under Barrow's withering machine gun barrage, was recaptured late Tuesday night and is back at work on the farm.

Nazi Is Sentenced For Attacking Jew

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A sentence of seven months in jail Wednesday was given a Nazi storm trooper named Friedel, convicted of beating Max Schussler, a Jew, who formerly lived in New York.

Schussler's treatment was protested Tuesday by Raymond Geist, United States consul, to the Prussian secret police.

La Vie Paree Shows

HOUSTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—La Vie Paree, road show over which a storm of protest raged for almost a week, showed at the city auditorium Wednesday night.

The show was previewed by the city council and approved without any charges.

Superintendent of Police George Woods attended the performance Wednesday night to see that the show was presented as it was at the preview.